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FOR THE AMBASSADOR FROM THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

E.O. 12356: DECL:ODAR
TAGS: PIMS, CH
SUBJECT: TFCN81: TASK FORCE FORMATION TO HANDLE THE
SITUATION IN CHINA

1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT

2. THIS IS AN ACTION MESSAGE.

3. ON JUNE 3, 1989, AT 1130 EDT, THE SECRETARY DIRECTED
THAT A TASK FORCE BE ESTABLISHED IN THE OPERATIONS
CENTER TO DEAL WITH THE SITUATION IN CHINA. TELEPHONE
NUMBER FOR THE TASK FORCE ARE 202-647-6530 FOR TASK
FORCE BUSINESS, 202-647-6531 FOR PRESS INQUIRIES; AND
202-647-6532 FOR CONSULAR INQUIRIES. THE TASK FORCE CAN
ALSO BE REACHED ON THE FOLLOWING SECURE PHONES: STU-111
- (202) 647-6798; KY-71 - KEY - 02566, TEL. -
202-633-9331; KY-3 & 3360; AND THROUGH THE STATE
DEPARTMENT INTERFACE ON MLP-1 EXTENSION 42830.

4. THE TASK FORCE IS UNDER THE DIRECTION OF ACTING
DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY RICHARD WILLIAMS. THE TASK
FORCE INCLUDES REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FOLLOWING BUREAUS
AND OFFICES: CA, DS, N, INR, PA, PM, AND EAP.

5. POSTS ARE REMINDED THAT THE TASK FORCE IS THE CENTER
OF ALL DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY CONCERNED WITH THIS
SITUATION. HENCE POSTS MUST COORDINATE ALL SITUATION
MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES WITH THE TASK FORCE.

6. POSTS SHOULD BEAR IN MIND THAT CONSIDERABLE
HIGH-LEVEL ATTENTION IS FOCUSED ON THIS SITUATION AND
THE OPERATION OF THIS TASK FORCE. THE DEMAND FOR
INFORMATION BY A VARIETY OF WASHINGTON AGENCIES,
INCLUDING THE WHITE HOUSE, WILL BE CONSIDERABLE.

7. ACTIONS REQUIRED: ALL POSTS: IN ORDER FOR THE
DEPARTMENT TO BE AS RESPONSIVE AS POSSIBLE, ALL
REPORTING RELATIVE TO THIS SITUATION SHOULD INCLUDE THE
SAME INDICATOR WHICH APPEARS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE
SUBJECT LINE OF THIS MESSAGE: TFCN81; RPT TFCN81.

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